were crowded both day and night and it gave extreme annoyance and disturbance to the people in the neighbourhood. Immediate steps should therefore be taken for removing the shops to some place outside the town limits.

(3) Necessity for the re-survey of the minor circuit areas of the Shencotta town on acceptance of the contribution of a quarter of the expenses by the municipal council. The inaccuracies in the survey and settlement records relating to the minor circuit areas of Shencotta were brought to the notice of Government and Government ordered a resurvey so early as 1915. The immediate necessity of the resurvey was again urged at the 21st and 22nd sessions of the Assembly. The municipal council was thereupon called upon to contribute 50 per cent of the cost, but they agreed to pay a quarter of the expenses. The proposal was since abandoned by Government. What Government now proposed to do was only a street survey. But this, though a necessary measure, was not adequate in itself. Government should take up the question of re-survey as a whole and sanction it, accepting for the purpose the contribution of a quarter of the expenses agreed to by the municipal council.

(4) Removal of the cremation ground near the forest depot from the present site to a site far away from the inhabited areas in the town. Apart from the suffocating smoke emitted by the burning corpses, all the ashes and bones left on the ground were washed down into the river near by. This was a great nuisance to the public. But the municipality was not rich enough to acquire a new cremation ground. Government should therefore render the municipality all help in the matter.

(5) Verandahs should be constructed all round the girls' school building, or in the alternative, waiting sheds should be put up in the school compound so that pupils might find comfortable accommodation either on the verandahs or in the sheds till the school was opened.

(6) There was only one woman teacher in the girls' school; all the other teachers were men. More women teachers should be appointed in the school.

(7) The immediate sinking of a well in the English school compound and the early acquisition of lands required for the extension of the compound. Though orders had been issued for sinking a well in the English school compound, no work was yet begun. So also no steps were taken for extending the premises of the school, though the matter was brought to the notice of Government several times.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishnaswami Karayalar, in regard to the construction of a Satrom at the Shencotta railway station, there is no Travancore land half a mile near it. It is a matter in which you can move the Railway Agent.

You say there is no verandah to the school building, and that the girls have got to wait in the compound till such time as the school is opened. I shall ask the Director of Public Instruction to issue instructions for the school premises being opened quarter of an hour earlier.

The Chief Engineer expects to sink a well in the course of a few days.

The acquisition of lands for extending the school compound is under consideration.

As regards the replacing of the male teachers in the local girls' school, the Director of Public Instruction is instituting an enquiry into the matter.

The removal of the burning ground is a matter for the municipality of which I observe you are a member. Therefore you may move the matter there.

As to the removal of toddy shops, I have commented upon similar propositions and it cannot be dealt with in isolation of the general policy.

In regard to the resurvey of the Shencotta town, the Government have said that it will do so if the municipality contributes to meet half the cost. But your council is not prepared to do so, and therefore, you must go without it.

114. Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. C. J. VARGHESE (*Member, Shertallai taluk, Group 1*) said that till recently the needs of Shertallai were being neglected by Government. But Government had latterly begun to evince some interest in the taluk. One could not, however, be too sure that everything which was necessary for the taluk would be done by Government spontaneously. A local board should therefore be established in the taluk, consisting of the Assembly members for the taluk for the year, the Legislative

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Council members, and the Chief Engineer. They should decide what all works were necessary every year, and the allotments year by year should be expended according to their proposals. If by any chance, the allotment for an year could not be spent, it should not be allowed to lapse.

The member next said that the following bye-roads should be opened from the main roads between Alleppey and Arur and Arukutti:—

(1) From the Muttathangadi road to the road on the western side (S. Nos 237/22, 238/22 & 31.)
(2) From Muttathangadi to Vayalar.
(3) From Muttathangadi (northern end) to Puthentodu.
(4) From the eastern side of the Vellorvattam temple to the Kuthithai road.
(5) From the western side of the Vellorvattam temple to Uzhuva.
(6) From the western end of the Puthentodu for ½ a mile to the south.
(7) From the Katcherikadavu road to Chenganda, past the Travellers' Bungalow.
(8) From Veliorvattam road north to Vayalar.

Bridges also should be put up at Poothotta, Chenganda, Puthantodu, Angadikadavu, and Vayalattu kadavu.

The Pullanchira should be repaired, and a canal should be opened from Pozhichal to Muttam Kayal.

The local hospital should be shifted to the west, to near the Puthentodu, or the necessary buildings should be put up upon the present site itself and good compound walls should be provided.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Varghese, your suggestion of an advisory Board cannot be considered in respect of Shertallai alone. If there is any such thing, it will be an item in a general arrangement for the whole of Travancore. I may also make a general remark which will apply to the bridges and roads. The Chief Engineer has under consideration the drawing up of a working programme for the Shertallai taluk, and I have no doubt that he will consider the question of these bridges and roads along with that.

Your suggestion that the funds allotted for public works should not be allowed to lapse at the end of the year will also be considered.

The question of Pullan chira bund is under reference to the P. W. officers.

The question of a canal from Pozhichal to Muttattu kayal is under consideration. It is dependent upon the question whether cross roads to connect the kayal would not be easier, cheaper and more suitable.

The question of improving the building and putting up the compound wall of the Shertallai hospital will be taken into consideration in connection with the Budget arrangements for 1104.

115. Needs of Shertallai.

MR. K. N. MADHAVA KARTHA (*Member, Shertallai taluk, Group II*) first spoke of the necessity for two bridges across the Kuthiathode—Veluthulli canal. It was a subject which was brought before the Assembly for the last seven years. But the bridge was not constructed yet. No big bridges were necessary. A foot bridge was all that was necessary.

Secondly, the member dealt with the drainage of the Pookitha chira in Panavalli. If the drainage of the chira was properly regulated, it would serve nearly ten thousand acres of paddy fields. Government should attend to the work themselves because the people were unable to do it.

Lastly, there should be a Munsiff-Magistrate's court at Kuthiathode. The member said he had spoken about the same subject last year also. But the High Court was of opinion that no court was necessary at the place. In such matters the opinion of the High Court was not to be the last word. The Government and the people were as much competent as or even more competent than the High Court to decide on the necessity of opening a court at any place. Of course once the

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